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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

G.H. LOWELL et al.

Application No.: 09/938,406

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For: PROTEIN AND PEPTIDE
VACCINES FOR INDUCING
MUCOSAL IMMUNITY

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Technology Center/Art Unit: 1648

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER
37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

This is in reply to an Office Action mailed 5 April 2005, which set 5 July 2004 as the initial deadline for response. A petition to extend the time for response for three months, from 5 July 2004, until 5 October 2004, accompanies this response.

Claims 1-18 are pending, with claims 2 and 5 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 8 and 9 were not considered for prosecution based on an error in dependency, which has been corrected and therefore we believe they should be included in the elected group. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 10-18 have been rejected. Reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.